REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-17 and 19-29 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 18 are canceled without prejudice, Claims 2, 7, 17, and 19 are amended, and Claims 20-29 are indicated as withdrawn in response to a previous restriction requirement.

In the outstanding Office Action, the title was objected to; Claims 1, and 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,969,023 to Svedberg; and Claims 2-16 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Claims 2 and 7 are rewritten in independent form and further recite features of Claim 18. Accordingly, Claims 1 and 18 are canceled and Claims 17 and 19 are amended to depend from Claim 2.

Regarding the objection to the title, a new title is added that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested the objection to the title be withdrawn.

Further, applicant notes that the reference by Kerry Bernstein, "SOI Circuit Design Concepts" cited by applicant on Form PTO-1449 mailed December 26, 2001, is not indicated as having been considered by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 filed with the IDS on December 26, 2001 be issued.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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